for Homoeopathic Pharmacists working at present in the dispensaries/hospitals on the basis of their practical experience, if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that attention is not given by Government in considering the Homoeopathic Pharmacy course and formation of its Pharmacy Council for the career improvement of Homoeopathic Pharmacists in the country like their Counterparts, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the matter of advancement of the Homoeopathic Pharmacy Course Education and formation of its council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists to avoid the recruitment of Homoeo-pharmacists on experience basis; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken in this regard so far, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Homoeopathic graduates are adequately trained for the purposes of running Homoeopathic dispensaries and hospitals without the assistance of a person having specialised education in Homoeopathic pharmacy.

Pending cases of adulteration in the Country

2859. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that adulteration is quite common and wide-spread in the country at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, has proved ineffective in checking the adulteration;

(c) if so, the number of cases pending in various parts of the country at present; and

(d) the steps being taken to check adulteration and liquidate these pending cases ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) On the basis of information available from the States/U. Ts. 3,381 out of 39,278, i.e. 11.6% samples of food items examined during 1992 were found to be adulterated/misbranded. As on 31-12-1992, 20,144 cases were pending under the PFA Act.

(d) Measures taken to check adulteration and liquidate pending cases include advising States/U. Ts. to establish special courts for dealing with PFA cases speedily, establishing separate legal cells for proper presentation of cases in courts and ensuring effective quality control of food items at every stage.

Using of harmful chemicals in Shampoos

2860. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that certain shampoos cause hair loss and cancer;

(b) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the revealation in this regard made in the journal "Consumer Confrontation" published by Consumer Education and Research society, Ahmedabad; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any tests have been conducted to find out as to whether the manufactures are using harmful chemicals like Triethanolamine(TEA)/Diethanolamine if so, what action has been taken to prevent the use of harmful chemicals;

(d) whether Government referred the matter to scientists in the Indian Council of Medical Research for expert opinion; and

(e) if the answer is negative, what steps are being taken to prevent manufacture and sale of such shampoos till expert opinion is made available to the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Medical Services to General Public Living Beyond NDMC Areas

2861. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether clinics, dispensaries and hospitals under New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC) provide medical services to general public living beyond NDMC areas;

(b) whether such Institutions under NDMC also provide medical services to general people living in NOIDA areas;

(c) whether large number of female employees of Railway Board living in NOIDA have been issued certificates entitling them to avail of abortion leave without registration in OPDs during May and June, 1993;

(d) whether such certificates are issued by some competent medicos of NDMC;

(e) whether Government propose to take any action against such bogus beneficiaries and Junior and Senior Residents for their lapses;

(f) whether latest scientific techniques do not permit 42 days rest rather than making them to join their duties after 7 days; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons for not adopting these techniques in Institutions under NDMC?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) Termination of pregnancy done by Suction Evacuation under Sedation and local anaesthesia causes minimum of discomfort and problems to the patients. This technique has been adopted by the Hospital. The period of leave depends upon the condition of the patient.

आयुर्वेद और यूनानी चिकित्सा पद्धतियों के लिए एक स्वतंत्र निदेशालय स्थापित किया जाना

2862. श्री अजीत जोगी :
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आयुर्वेद और यूनानी चिकित्सा पद्धति के लिए एक स्वतन्त्र निदेशालय स्थापित करने के संबंध में सरकार से अनुरोध किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानंद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ।

Tobacco related deaths

2863. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recently published World Bank report in which it has been stated that tobacco-related deaths from heart disease and cancer are likely to double by the first decade of the next Century to two million a year; and if the present smoking patterns continue, they will grow to more than twelve million a year in developing countries in the second quarter of the next century;

(b) what measures are being contemplated by Government to ensure that the current patterns of tobacco consumption/smoking are changed to minimise the health hazards; and

(c) whether Government propose to take legislative measures to regulate and control production of cigarettes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have initiated several measures like education about the ill effects of tobacco, prohibition of smoking in public places besides statutory warning on Cigarette packs to the effect that smoking is injurious to health.

(c) There is already an existing law viz. The Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 on the subject.

Seats filled up in M.B.B.S. and B.D.S. courses from quota

2864. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sests for each Medical and Dental College made available under 15 per cent quota for which All India Competitive Exams were conducted by CBSE in the last two years;

(b) the number of seats actually filled up under the quota in M.B.B.S. and B.D.S. course respectively and if the quota was not filled up, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether separate lists are prepared for the above courses and whether the candidates are informed of their merit standing?